

National Supply Executive Ends 40-Year Career

Charles A. McCollum, area sales manager, Middle and Far East, for the Export Division of The National Supply Co., has retired after almost 40 years' service with that company.

McCollum started at the Torrance plant in 1920, around the time it was acquired by National Supply as part of the Union Tool Co. He was transferred to Toledo, Ohio, in 1921; Shreveport, La., in 1922; and Houston, Texas, in 1923. He was appointed district manager at Houston in 1934, sales manager at Tulsa, Okla., in 1935, and division manager at Houston in 1937.

DURING World War II, McCollum served with the Petroleum Administration for War. He returned to National Supply as district manager at Houston in 1944. He was appointed division sales engineer at Fort Worth in 1947, and manager of the San Francisco office in 1948. Transferred to the export headquarters, New York City, in 1952, he became an area sales manager in 1955. Until 1958, his territory included Europe and Africa, as well as the Middle and Far East.

McCollum was born in Salinas, Calif. He holds a degree in engineering from Oregon State College.

The National Supply Co. became the National Supply Division, Armco Steel Corp., on Jan. 1.

Toastmasters Treat Guests To Speeches

Highlighting guest night meeting at South Bay Toastmasters was first place winner Bob Norland of El Segundo speaking on "You Are Witnessing a Miracle."

Chairman John Chadwick of Redondo Beach welcomed guests James McDonald, Frank Gibbs, and Nate Wisely of Manhattan Beach and William Franklin, Chelsea Hendricks, and George Goodson of Torrance.

Dr. William Labit of Torrance took first place honors in the impromptu speech contest with his three minute talk on "Integration of City Government."

Second place winner in the formal speech competition was Thomas Eadie of Hollywood Riviera discussing "Aluminum, the 20th Century Metal."

Toastmasters' theme for February will be demonstrations and the use of props. Men interested in speech training are invited to attend the weekly dinner meeting at the Elks Club in Redondo at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Shake a Leg, Speedy Reader Urges Adults

A course in speed reading, using latest devices for improving speed and comprehension, will begin Thursday, Feb. 9, in Room T-3, South High school, sponsored by the Torrance Adult Education program.

Royce Adams, a reading teacher at South High, will be the instructor. Various machines will be used to help class members pick up their reading speed.

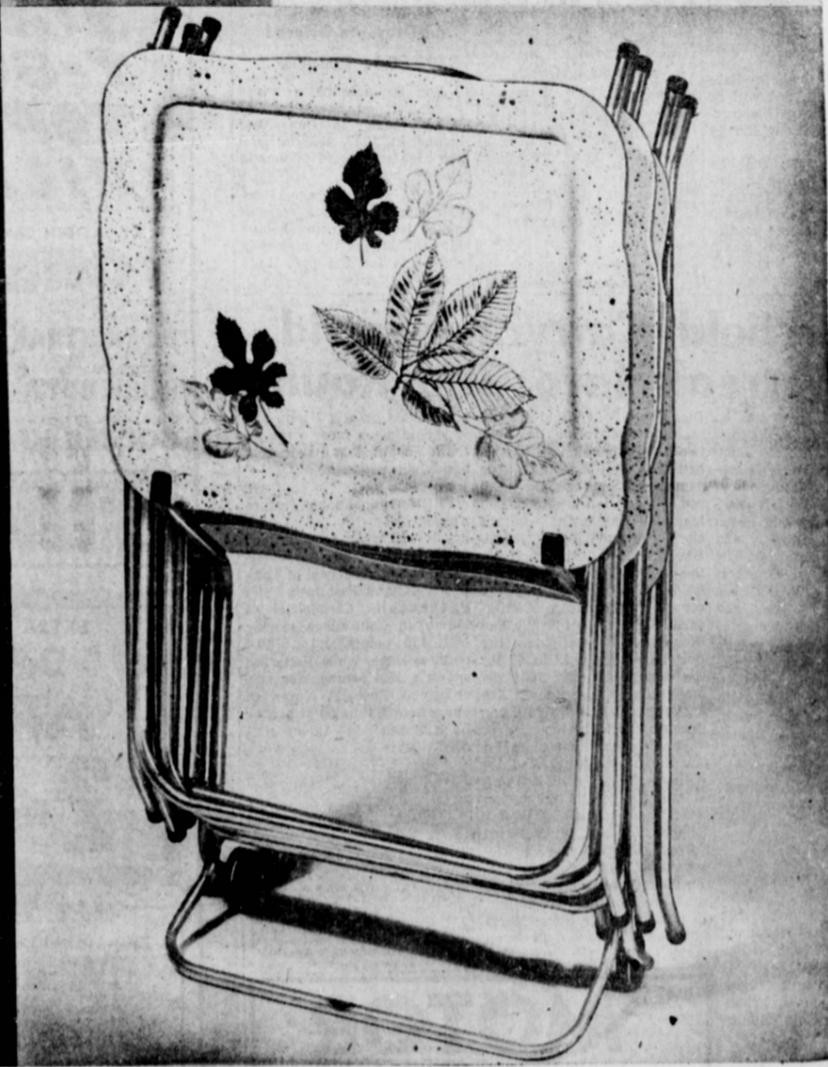
Girl Scout Troop 2080

Since its investiture Girl Scout Troop 2080 has been known to be one of the most active troops in this area. After three years, this troop continues to be very busy. Since September, the troop has held an over-night backyard camp-out, and a three day camping trip at Oak Grove Park in Pasadena enabling eligible scouts to complete their camping badges.

In October, the troop paid tribute to the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Lowe, by participating in the Juliette Lowe Birthday celebration at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles, and at the neighborhood ingathering at Alondra Park. During the Christmas holidays, the scouts went caroling to their parents homes. Each girl presented her parents with a lovely white wreath she had made. The troop also visited the Bay Shore Rest Home in Hermosa Beach where they sang Christmas carols and presented the guests at the home with tray favors. The troop's sponsor Mr. R. W. Whittam, treated all the girls to the movies as part of a Christmas gift. More recently, the scouts attended the Harbor Girl Scout Round-up held at Peck Park.

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